

Background Knowledge



The New Frontier and the Great Society, 1960–1968

K-W-L Chart Before reading about the New Frontier and the Great Society, write what you know about each topic in the “Know” column. Then, think about what you would like to learn about the topic and write it in the “Want to Know” column. After reading, fill in the “Learned” column with important information from the chapter.

Know	Want to Know	Learned
The election of 1960		
President Kennedy’s New Frontier agenda		
The Supreme Court led by Earl Warren		
President Kennedy’s strategy in the Cold War		
The Bay of Pigs invasion and the Cuban missile crisis		
The assassination of President Kennedy		
President Johnson’s Great Society agenda		
The War on Poverty		
Civil rights legislation of the 1960s		

Activating Background Knowledge

Write several sentences about what you know about the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, including their domestic policies, their approaches to the civil rights movement, and their strategies in the Cold War.

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